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1. The PCI (Italian Communist Party) in the South Tirol is reportedly making an attempt to gain influence in both the Italian and Tirolese groups.
2. With the Italians, they are adopting a mildly nationalist attitude and with the Tirolese, a new program has been instituted for gaining adherents among South Tirolese living in Austria and Germany.
3. The formation of a Tirolese Communist Youth Organization is planned in South Tirol. Its emblem will be a red eagle with the emblem of the Italian Communist Party.

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COMMENTS

Increased Communist activity in the South Tyrol ties in with reported attempts by the Communists to improve their weak position in Western Austria. Appealing to Italian nationalism and Austrian irredentism at one and the same time, however, will pose much the same delicate problem for the P.C.I. as that which besets their attempts to unify Italian and Yugoslav Communists in Venezia Giulia.

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